



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RETURNING THE 38TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TO NORMAL OPERATIONS

WHEREAS on May 28, 2021, the Supreme Court of Missouri issued an Order allowing circuit courts – including all associate, family, juvenile, treatment, municipal, and probate divisions – to conduct court proceedings and courthouse activities normally and without the safety precautions required in the Supreme Court’s previous operational directives if normal operations may be conducted safely; and

WHEREAS the Presiding Judge has determined, following discussion with the Director for the Christian County Health Department, that court proceedings and courthouse activities may be conducted safely without the precautions put into place because of COVID-19.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the court facilities in the 38th Judicial Circuit will return to normal operations on the date of this Order as follows:

1. Social distancing and masks will no longer be required in the courtrooms but court personnel, attorneys, parties and members of the public may wear masks if they choose to do so.
2. Disinfectant and HEPA filters will no longer be utilized.
3. Temperatures will no longer be taken prior to entry into the courthouses.
4. Videoconferencing and teleconferencing will continue to be utilized upon request of the parties or on the court’s own motion.
5. Vulnerable litigants, witnesses, victims, attorneys, and participants will be allowed to appear or participate remotely.
6. Offsite court proceedings will be discontinued.

Municipal Courts

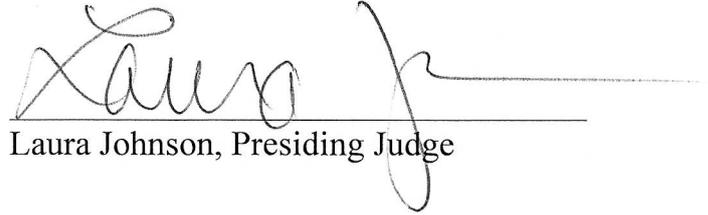
Municipal Courts in Christian County are governed by this Order.

Questions

Please email all questions to the clerks of Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4. The name and email address of each Division Clerk may be obtained from the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association.

This Order has been approved by all Judges of the 38th Judicial Circuit.

Date: June 1, 2021



Laura Johnson, Presiding Judge